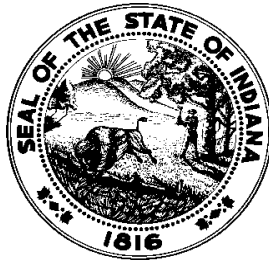


**LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAX CONTROL BOARD**



**RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**TO THE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE**  
**FROM**  
**September 26, 2006**

## Call to Order

Dave Christian called the September 26<sup>th</sup> 2006 Local Government Tax Control Board meeting to order at 8:00 am. Board members present were Dave Christian, Dan Jones, Stan Mettler, John Stafford and Ken Kobe. Judy Robertson was the administrative officer for the meeting.

### Discussion:

Judy read the memo that gave the updated hotel rates in Indianapolis beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> 2006.

### Recommendation:

Ken motioned to recommend approval of the minutes from the August 24<sup>th</sup> 2006 local government tax control board meeting. John seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

John motioned to recommend approval of the 2007 hearing schedule. Ken seconded and the motion carried 4-0 (Stan did not arrive until after the motion and vote had been taken).

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## Perry Township, Marion County Emergency Fire Loan

Summary: The unit is requesting an emergency fire loan in the amount of \$1,755,046 for a term of one (1) year for the purpose of funding fire operations through 2006. Proceeds of the loan will be used to finance personal services expenses for the fire department.

Project Costs: \$1,755,046      Amount applied to debt: \$1,755,046      Annual Payment: \$1,842,798

Emergency Loan Calculation:	2006
Certified Property Taxes	\$6,725,052
Certified Misc. Revenue	\$1,556,064
Jan. 1st Cash Balance	\$399,619
Total Funds Available	\$8,680,735
Less: Prior Year Encumbrances	\$0
Less: Estimated Expenses	\$10,435,781
Funds Remaining (Needed)	<b>\$(1,755,046)</b>

Budget Advertised	\$10,435,781
Budget Adopted	\$10,435,781

Advertised/Adopted Budget	\$10,435,781
Less Certified Budget	\$8,680,735
Budget cut by DLGF	\$1,755,046

Tax Rate Impact:	2006 AV	\$3,294,978,700
	Levy Needed	\$1,661,204
	Est. Tax Rate	.0504

### Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing	07/21/2006
Date of public hearing	08/01/2006
Resolution/Ordinance adopted	08/01/2006

## Financial History

Fire Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Certified Budget	\$8,329,567	\$8,379,961	\$8,456,309	\$7,974,657
Cash Balance June 30	\$1,442,496	\$260,816	\$(237,203)	\$1,259,848
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$6,725,052	\$6,387,918	\$6,245,445	\$6,013,374
Rate	0.2041	0.1975	0.1969	0.2006

Missing Information: None

## Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Jeff Peters (Financial Advisor), Jack Sandlin (Trustee), Harold Day (Chief Deputy), and Jim Crawford (Bond Counsel).

## Discussion:

Perry Township's fire service area is approximately forty-two square miles. The population, according to the 2000 Census, was 93,000, which makes it the 10<sup>th</sup> largest in the State. It is mostly residential property. The 2005 runs by the fire department were in excess of 7,700; an increase of 32%. They have funded their operations with a flat or declining tax rate. They do not anticipate an increase for 2007. The current rate is the same rate they had in 2003, after the general reassessment, which is less than twenty-three cents. The amount of the emergency loan is determined by the amount that is needed to restore the adopted budget after the DLGF has cut it.

## Questions by board members:

John: What caused the decrease in amounts from \$1 million to \$400,000 and is now starting to increase again?

Jeff: We appealed and were successful and also the increase in COIT allowed us the decrease the loan amount. We are continuing to see rapid growth and the process is starting over again.

Dan: How much did COIT increase from last year?

Jeff: From \$1,294,000 to \$1,500,302.

Dave: What interest rate do you anticipate?

Jeff: We have projected it to be below 5%.

## Recommendation:

John motioned to recommend approval of an emergency fire loan in the amount of \$1,755,046 for a term of one (1) year. Ken seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**Lawrence Township, Marion County  
Emergency Fire Loan**

Summary: The unit is requesting an emergency fire loan in the amount of \$780,000 for a term of one (1) year for the purpose of funding fire operating expenses. Proceeds of the loan will be used to restore the fire budget adopted by the township board.

Project Costs: \$780,000

Amount applied to debt: \$780,000

Annual Payment: \$826,649

Emergency Loan Calculation:	2006
Certified Property Taxes	\$7,505,316
Certified Misc. Revenue	\$1,569,561
Jan. 1st Cash Balance	\$656,670
Total Funds Available	\$9,731,547
Less: Prior Year Encumbrances	\$0
Less: Estimated Expenses	\$10,511,526
Funds Remaining (Needed)	<b>(\$779,979)</b>

Budget Advertised	\$10,511,526
Budget Adopted	\$10,511,526

Advertised/Adopted Budget	\$10,511,526
Less Certified Budget	\$9,174,076
Budget cut by DLGF	\$1,337,450

Tax Rate Impact:	2006 AV	\$3,599,672,129
	Levy Needed	\$773,495
	Est. Tax Rate	.0215

Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing	08/04/2006
Date of public hearing	08/16/2006
Resolution/Ordinance adopted	08/16/2006
Notice of Determination	08/21 & 28/2006

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance: Missing

Financial History

Fire Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Certified Budget	\$9,174,076	\$8,572,610	\$8,155,564	\$7,710,498
Cash Balance June 30	\$3,734,601	\$2,797,788	\$149,122	\$1,906,123
Levy	\$7,505,316	\$7,225,589	\$6,924,262	\$6,616,068
Rate	0.2085	0.2051	0.1972	0.1917

Missing Information: Auditor's Certificate

Attendance: The following people attended the meeting: Tricia Leminger (Attorney), Dan Hedden (Financial Advisor), Jim Crawford (Bond Counsel), John G. McNatt (Trustee), Morris Ratcliff (from the Fire Department), and Robert Wallace (from the Fire Department).

Discussion:

The unit discussed the following points that were detailed in a handout:

- Historical Overview
- Today's Challenges
- The Lawrence Township Fire Department
- Emergency Loan Request
- Comparison of Responses per year chart

Questions by board members:

John: What is the history of your property tax rate?

Dan Hedden: It has remained pretty stable.

Ken: In comparing your expenses from 2005 to 2006, I see an increase of approximately 9%, but you stated that you gave raises of only 3%, what else increased?

Dan Hedden: Fuel costs, building improvements that were built into the budget, health insurance costs, etc.

Ken: What kind of building improvements?

John McNatt: Two of our fire stations needed new roofs, and one station required refurbishment of the inside. We are doing pretty well with our equipment, but now our buildings are getting older and need some attention.

Stan: Are you going to appeal again this year?

Dan: No, next year because of the amount we can get if we wait another year.

Dan: Has your COIT increased?

Dan: I don't have that information yet.

Dan: Does your certified shares go into the fire fund?

Dan: No, into the general fund to keep it afloat.

Dan: What is the fund balance of the general fund?

Dan: About \$343,000.

Ken: Do you expect a 9% increase in expenses each year?

John McNatt: No, as the population levels off, so should our expenses.

Ken: What is the cost of issuance for the loan?

Dan: There will be no fees for the financial advisor, there is only the transaction fee that the bank charges.

Tricia: Transaction fees will be about \$7,500 to \$10,000. The interest rate on an emergency loan that I closed last week was 3.88%.

Recommendation:

Ken motioned to recommend approval of an emergency fire loan in the amount of \$779,979 for a term of one (1) year. John seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**Town of Speedway, Marion County  
General Obligation Bonds**

Summary: The unit is requesting approval to issue bonds in the amount of \$1,265,000 for a term of three (3) years for the purpose of financing the acquisition of police cars, motorcycles, code enforcement vehicles, and laptop computers for police cars.

Project Costs: \$1,265,000      Amount applied to debt: \$1,265,000      Annual Payment: \$564,000

Controlled or Uncontrolled: Uncontrolled

Revenue Source for Property Tax Backup: N/A

Tax Rate Impact:	2006 AV	\$672,043,840
	Levy Needed	\$564,000
	Est. Tax Rate	.0839

Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing	N/A
Date of public hearing	N/A
Resolution/Ordinance adopted	09/11/2006
Notice of Determination	N/A

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance: N/A

Common Construction Wage: N/A

Financial History

General Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Budget Estimate	\$6,610,136	\$6,593,320	\$6,356,036	\$6,326,093
Cash Balance June 30	\$1,919,323	\$2,186,854	\$1,164,146	\$2,135,235
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$4,297,396	\$3,635,911	\$4,371,812	\$3,978,047
Rate	0.6293	0.4476	0.5834	0.5246

Missing Information: None

Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Tom Guevara (Financial Advisor), Sharon Zishka (Clerk Treasurer), Herschel Frierson (Financial Advisor), Alan f. Jones (Captain of the Police Department), Kim Blanchet (Bond Counsel), Toma Shepherd (Bond Counsel), and Curtis Dean (Fire Chief).

Discussion:

Police Captain: We recycle our police cars every three years because of warranty and safety issues. Used vehicles are auctioned off and the proceeds are used to purchase additional equipment. As for the motorcycles, we own two and lease two. The motorcycles are used to handle multiple situations, both for PR and patrol issues. They are used a lot to patrol and enforce school zones. Once the warranty has expired, we switch those out as well. MECA is doing a massive communications upgrade from analog to digital. Our current software is incompatible with the digital upgrade. This upgrade was mandated by

President Bush post 911. Along with the communications system, we need to upgrade our hand-held radios. They will be obsolete once the digital system is in place. We also need to purchase the Keplar bullet proof vests that our offices wear. They are only warranted for five years by the manufacturer, so we need to replace them every five years.

Questions by board members:

Dan: What is the cost per radio?

Police Chief: \$5,000 per piece and that is only for the radio. The recharging system we can keep. We are purchasing, I think, six radios.

Dave: What kind of equipment do you purchase with the auction proceeds?

Police Chief: Evidence collection supplies, emergency lights for the cars, things like that. We typically average about \$5,000 per vehicle sold, but that varies greatly.

Dan: What fund do the auction proceeds go in to and which fund do you purchase the cars out of?

Sharon: The general fund.

Dave: Are any of the proceeds going to be used to retire the debt?

Herschel: No, to buy the necessary equipment to outfit the cars.

Stan: How many cars do you have in your fleet?

Police Chief: Thirty-four, and that is just the motor pool vehicles. We have others that are assigned for specific departments.

Dan: Do you have a cum fund and if so what is it used for?

Tom: The cum fund is no longer big enough to handle the equipment purchase this Town needs. With three races currently being run, the equipment needs are high just to patrol the area.

John: What is the impact of this debt to a taxpayer?

Herschel: The rate will stagnate. The current debt rate is .1736 and it will go down to five cents with the issuance of this debt.

Dan: Tom, why do you have a debt rate for a payment in advance of the due date?

Tom: The DLGF formula allows us to raise the payment due in January in the year before. It is necessary since we do not receive a tax settlement until June and the payment is due in January.

Dan: What has been the trend in your COIT distribution?

Tom: About the same, between 6 and 7.

John: Tom, in lieu of issuing bonds every year, would leasing save you any costs?

Tom: There is a trade off and leases tend to be more costly. For one thing, the interest rates on leases are higher because of what is called the imputed interest rate. As a controller, I have found it is cheaper to buy and auction. Residual value plays a major part also in the value of the vehicle.

Recommendation:

John motioned to recommend approval of the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$1,265,000 for a term of three (3) years. Stan seconded and the motion carried 4-0-1 with Ken abstaining.

**Town of Fortville, Hancock County  
General Obligation Bonds**

Summary: The unit is requesting approval to issue bonds in the amount of \$450,000 for a term of seven (7) years for the purpose of financing road and infrastructure improvements.

Project Costs: \$773,000 Amount applied to debt: \$450,000 Annual Payment: \$83,320

Controlled or Uncontrolled: Uncontrolled

Revenue Source for Property Tax Backup: N/A

Tax Rate Impact:	2006 AV	\$103,141,860
	Levy Needed	\$69,970
	Est. Tax Rate	.0678

Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing	N/A
Date of public hearing	N/A
Resolution/Ordinance adopted	07/31/2006
Notice of Determination	08/25 & 09/01/2006

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance: 09/20/2006

Common Construction Wage: Hearing held 08/04/2006 Vote: 3-0-1 abstained

**Financial History**

General Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Budget Estimate	\$1,004,176	\$1,042,176	\$1,029,905	\$940,100
Cash Balance June 30	\$111,102	\$410,162	\$278,264	\$370,483
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$520,713	\$423,733	\$215,565	\$422,321
Rate	0.4564	0.3704	0.1967	0.4493

Missing Information: None

**Attendance**

The following people attended the meeting: Joe Renner (Town Manager), Mike Ferris (Town Council), Randy Sorrell (Town Attorney), Lisa A. Lee (Bond Counsel), Rhonda Cook (Bond Counsel), Otto "Buzz" Krohn (Financial Advisor), and Rosy Oshry (Financial Advisor).

**Discussion:**

Mike: Merrill Street is the main thoroughfare that runs through the Town. Madison Street is a state highway project that will reconfigure that intersection. Half of the Merrill Street project is complete, but we need to complete the other half. (The manager went over maps in detail explaining what intersections would be affected and how the roads are going to be re-routed). The engineering and designing has been done in-house; we have had the budget and the crew to do that. This project has been on the books for three years. We are still in negotiation for one piece of land we still need to complete the project. Water and sewer lines will soon be run all the way to 300 N on 96<sup>th</sup> Street. Once that happens, the development will



come and we need to create a better and safer traffic flow. This railroad is closed and CSX wants it to stay closed. We are talking with them right now to see if we can get them to help us financially fix the intersection close to the rail tracks.

Buzz: The total cost of the project is \$773,000. They are using all of their wheel tax, some of their CCI and LR&S funds. The project is 40% funded with the cash already on hand. The other 60% of the project uses 60% of their debt limitation.

Questions by board members:

Dave: Were there any remonstrators?

Mike: None.

Dave: What was the Council vote?

Lisa: Unanimous – 5-0.

John: What is the rate impact of this debt?

Buzz: About six cents per 100.

John: I notice that your TIF bond has a proposed rate on it next year, has it always had a rate?

Buzz: We refinanced the TIF bond last year. The TIF revenue is falling short by about \$30,000 so we are imposing a rate next year. Some projects have not materialized as quickly as we thought they would. The following year, the levy needed should go down to about \$10,000 - \$12,000. After two, years, the TIF rate should go away. All the TIF lots have been sold, and development should be completed by next year.

Dave: When do you anticipate starting this project?

Buzz: We are hoping to sell the bonds by the end of the year. Construction will begin as soon as the weather allows us to in the spring.

Stan: Are all the local funds on hand right now?

Buzz: Yes.

Recommendation:

Ken motioned to recommend approval to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$450,000 for a term of seven (7) years. Dan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

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### **Bargersville Fire Protection District, Johnson County Installment Conditional Sales Contract**

Summary: The unit is requesting approval to enter into an installment conditional sales contract in the amount of \$1,600,000 for a term of six (6) years for the purchase of land to be held for future development, a heavy rescue/tactical response vehicle, a tanker fire truck, related equipment, and additional vehicles to use as response vehicles and a grass rig truck.

Project Costs: \$1,600,000      Amount applied to debt: \$1,600,000      Annual Payment: \$320,544

Controlled or Uncontrolled: Controlled

Revenue Source for Property Tax Backup:      N/A

Tax Rate Impact:	2006 AV	\$754,111,055
	Levy Needed	\$281,734
	Est. Tax Rate	.0374

#### Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing	07/29/2006
Date of public hearing	08/09/2006
Resolution/Ordinance adopted	<b>08/??/2006      09/11/2006</b>
Notice of Determination	08/16 & 23/2006

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance: 09/19/2006 – Not timely

Common Construction Wage: N/A

Fire Marshall's Response: Reasonable

#### Financial History

Fire Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Budget Estimate	\$1,361,451	\$1,199,001	\$862,666	\$812,272
Cash Balance June 30	\$272,840	\$93,980	\$232,445	\$71,045
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$632,855	\$587,792	\$488,642	\$439,265
Rate	0.0920	0.0952	0.0862	0.0819

#### Missing Information:

Signed resolution  
Timely Auditor's Certificate

Note: Total apparatus and equipment totals \$1,357,000  
That leaves the land purchase cost at \$ 243,000

#### Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Jane Herndon (Bond Counsel), James Waite (Fire Chief), Steve Bechman (Board Member), Brian Deppe (Attorney), and Eric Reedy (Financial Advisor and Fiscal Officer).

#### Discussion:

Eric discussed the following details outlined in a handout he presented to the Board Members:

- Geographical location and coverage area
- Current Apparatus owned by the District
- Proposed Equipment purchases
- Make up of coverage area
- Tax rate impact

This debt will increase the total district rate nominally. The debt rate will increase by about three cents.

#### Questions by board members:

Ken: What is the \$200,000 allocated for land and buildings for?

Eric: Land acquisition for a future station that is available now.

Stan: Has any land been purchased yet?

Fire Chief: We have one signed agreement and are in negotiation with two other developers. We are continuously talking with developers trying to find donated land.

Dan: Eric, I notice that you are listed as the fiscal officer; isn't the Clerk Treasurer usually the fiscal officer for a fire district?

Brian: The Fire District is a totally separate entity from the Town. The clerk treasurer resigned as the fiscal officer and we asked Eric if he would serve in the position.

Dan: Did any elected officials approve this?

Jane: The County Council approved it unanimously.

Dave: What is the net impact of this debt?

Eric: The last sheet in your handout shows an impact of \$36 per year.

Dave: Let me rephrase my question – is the impact going to be level with the other debt you have?

Eric: Over a two-year period it will stay the same. Next year it will increase by about three cents, and then go down the following year when previous debt is retired.

Ken: Back to the land issue – are you going to bank the funds allocated for land acquisition?

Fire Chief: Not for long, we intend to purchase the land as quickly as we can.

Dan: Am I right in saying that a third of your total rate is debt related?

Eric: My opinion is that the general fund rate is too low to begin with. The way the rates are allocated now, the debt service is a high percentage.

Dan: Are you planning on applying for emergency loans in the near future?

Eric: Fire Districts do not qualify for emergency loans.

Dan: Are you applying for a three-year growth appeal?

Eric: Yes, we do qualify. That will help to level the rate. With the 2% growth factor, increase assessed value and the 4% automatic growth factor, the rate will bring in more levy.

Dan: Does the District receive CAGIT?

Eric: Yes, it all goes into the District's Special Fire General Fund.

Recommendation:

Stan motioned to recommend approval of a fire equipment loan in the amount of \$1,600,000 for a term of six (6) years. John seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

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### **City of Shelbyville, Shelby County General Obligation Bonds**

Summary: The unit is requesting approval to issue bonds in the amount of \$2,800,000 for a term of eighteen (18) years for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of various park projects.

Project Costs: \$3,950,000

Amount applied to debt: \$2,800,000

Annual Payment: \$341,835

Controlled or Uncontrolled: Controlled

Revenue Source for Property Tax Backup: N/A

Tax Rate Impact:      2006 AV                      \$850,465,137  
                                 Levy Needed                      \$317,906  
                                 Est. Tax Rate                      .0374

Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing    08/11/2006  
Date of public hearing                      08/21/2006  
Resolution/Ordinance adopted              08212006  
Notice of Determination                      08/25 & 09/01/2006

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance:    09/25/2006

Common Construction Wage:    Hearing held    05/25/2006              Vote: 3-1-1 abstained

Financial History

General Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Budget Estimate	\$10,978,560	\$10,650,306	\$11,140,649	\$10,956,665
Cash Balance June 30	\$(1,044,970)	\$5,105	\$(598,486)	\$2,178,092
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$5,162,323	\$5,683,338	\$5,407,650	\$5,152,373
Rate	0.6070	0.6949	0.6426	0.6188

Missing Information: None

Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Ryan Usher (Financial Advisor), Scott Furgeson (Mayor), Bruce Donaldson (Bond Counsel), and Brian Colton (Financial Advisor).

Discussion:

We have purchased a 180 acre parcel for the purpose of creating a new park. The total cost is around \$3.8 million, but we have received grants and donations of \$1 million, bringing the financing down to \$2.8 million. We are hoping to gain approval from you and the DLGF to create this park. It will parallel I74 and will coincide with the opening of the new Honda Plant and the resulting growth in this area.

Questions by board members:

Dave: Were there any remonstrators?

Mayor: We held two public hearings and no one attended.

Dave: Did the council approve this unanimously?

Mayor: Yes.

Stan: Have you designed enough parking?

Mayor: Yes, we believe so. There are 220 here by this softball field (referring to a map) plus another 140 on this side and another 280 over here by the soccer fields.

Ken: Are the grant funds dedicated to specific projects?

Mayor: Yes, for the trails and the soccer fields.

Ken: What is the \$390,000 in the "Other" category under cost of financing?

Mayor: An additional contingency amount.

John: The debt information on page 7 lists the debt as of the City, not the Park District, is this correct?

Answer: The park district is almost at its debt limitation, so the City is helping to finance this project.

Dan: This seems like a high amount of debt, \$22 million, for a small community.

Answer: Not all of the debt is property tax debt; some is TIF, EDIT backed, Sewer backed and property tax back-up projects.

Mayor: The only tax issue is the fire station. Two of the debts will be paid off in 2008; the jail and the 1994 bonds backed with EDIT funds.

Ken: Are you using a single contractor or multiple contractors with a construction manager?

Mayor: A single contractor.

John: In comparing this debt with your other debt, what is the rate impact of this bond plus the other debts?

Answer: The total debt rate will be about eight cents based on the 2006 assessed value.

Dan: Your total debt is about 10% of the total budget?

Answer: Yes, if you include the Park District.

Dan: Are you anticipating more debt in the next few years?

Mayor: No, we have been very aggressive in the last few years. If we issue more debt, it will be TIF bonds.

Dan: Can you summarize your financial health?

Mayor: Excellent, we actually were able to lower taxes this year. The general fund has only increased by six percent in two and a half years.

Recommendation:

John motioned to recommend approval to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$2,800,000 for a term of eighteen (18) years. Stan seconded and the motion carried 3-0-1 with Ken abstaining.

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**Town of Zionsville Park District, Boone County  
Park District Bonds**

Summary: The unit is requesting approval to issue bonds in the amount of \$5,980,000 for a term of sixteen (16) years for the purpose of park improvements to three parks.

Project Costs: \$6,408,000      Amount applied to debt: \$5,980,000      Annual Payment: \$594,128

Controlled or Uncontrolled: Controlled

Revenue Source for Property Tax Backup: N/A

Tax Rate Impact:	2006 AV	\$872,001,612
	Levy Needed	\$552,539
	Est. Tax Rate	.0634

#### Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing	07/19 & 26/2006
Date of public hearing	08/09/2006
Resolution/Ordinance adopted	08/09/2006
Notice of Determination	08/16/2006

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance: 09/20/2006

Common Construction Wage: Hearing held: 08/24/2006 Vote: 2-1-1 abstained

#### Financial History

General Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Budget Estimate	\$4,240,772	\$3,715,140	\$3,361,100	\$3,319,107
Cash Balance June 30	\$1,085,315	\$271,030	\$217,979	\$420,557
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$1,281,842	\$1,910,707	\$1,164,326	\$1,128,194
Rate	0.1470	0.2353	0.1647	0.1666

Missing Information: None

#### Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Brain Colton (Financial Advisor), Ryan Usher (Financial Advisor), Lisa A. Lee (Bond Counsel), Jeff Glass (President of the Parks Board), Roger Burns (Attorney), Albert Smith (Park Superintendent), and John Jackson (Park Designer).

#### Discussion:

These improvements have been planned since 1995. There are three parks that are included in this bond issue:

1. Memorial Park, an existing park that needs a new pedestrian bridge to link to the wooded area – it has an associated costs of \$250,000
2. Turkey Foot Nature Park, a 23-acre park donated in 2000 that needs to completion of the American Legion Trail Crossing with associated cost of \$450,000, and
3. Mulberry Field, a new park that will be a true Town Park, including athletic fields, a splash park, basketball courts, pathways, sledding hills, picnic shelters and related buildings and landscaping – associated costs is \$5.2 million.

The funding is a combination of grants, donations, and tax dollars. There has been no remonstrance and the public input has been favorable.

The new park will sit next to the middle school and the rail trail. There is potential for new development in this area. The other two parks are donated parks we have received. The Memorial Park was donated by the American Legions and will be dedicated to military personnel. The other park sits alongside a wooded area. We need to build a bridge to create access to the trails.

Questions by board members:

Dan: What is the current use of the land?

Jeff: Corn & bean fields.

Ken: Did the local funds of \$428,000 come from fund raising events?

Jeff: No, they are donations. \$200,000 was donated by a local business for the purpose of building a skate park.

John: Did the Town Council approve this?

Lisa: The ordinance was introduced to the council last week and is anticipated to be adopted on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will have to approve this project before we can issue the bonds. By statute, they have to hold four public hearings.

Dave: This will max out your debt limit – is this a concern to you or the taxpayers?

Answer: We have put together a three-year plan for the maintenance of the parks, plus we have impact fees. We think we have everything in order. We also have other funds in place to deal with emergency situations.

Brian: The development district and the Town still have debt capacity if needed.

Ken: You have a significant contingency amount – do you have some concerns about what you will find?

Brian: It is just good planning, in my opinion. Not planning for contingencies is not a good thing.

Jeff: There are a number of things that we will adjust as we get closer to actual construction.

John: Also, with building costs escalating the way they are, we need that contingency. We do not yet have firm agreements on building materials.

Dan: Is the overall goal to keep the tax rate level as other debt roll off?

Brian: That was not an issue that was discussed. It really was not a concern.

Dan: Do you expect a significant impact when inventory rolls off?

Brian: The inventory assessed value is only about \$7 million on a total assessed value of \$90 million.

Recommendation:

Ken motioned to recommend approval of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$5,980,000 for a term of sixteen (16) years. John seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

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**Jackson Township, Hamilton County**  
**Fire Equipment Loan**

Summary: The unit is requesting approval to obtain a loan in the amount of \$122,280 for a term of six (6) years for the purpose of purchasing a new 2100 gallon tanker fire truck.

Project Costs: \$192,280                      Amount applied to debt: \$122,280                      Annual Payment: \$26,231

Controlled or Uncontrolled: Uncontrolled

Revenue Source for Property Tax Backup:                      Cumulative Fire Fund                      Almost 130% coverage

Tax Rate Impact:	2006 AV	\$242,774,800
	Levy Needed	\$26,231
	Est. Tax Rate	.0108

Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing 06/06 & 16/2006  
Date of public hearing 06/20/2006  
Resolution/Ordinance adopted 06/20/2006  
Notice of Determination 06/23/2006

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance: 07/31/2006

Common Construction Wage: N/A

Fire Marshall's Response: Reasonable

Financial History

Cum. Fire Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Budget Estimate	\$35,551	\$88,530	\$127,000	\$100,710
Cash Balance June 30	\$47,474	\$59,097	\$122,553	\$182,638
Levy	\$33,746	\$33,472	\$32,516	\$32,455
Rate	0.0139	0.0138	0.0138	0.0138

Missing Information: None

Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: James Carter (Fire Chief), Duane E. Hiatt (Trustee), and Donald S. Newby (Assistant Fire Chief).

Discussion:

Stan: Are you replacing a tanker or adding one?

James: We are replacing a 1970 tanker – the only one we have and it is out of service right now. The one we would like is set up to be able to work from hydrants. We are paying \$70,000 from the Cum. Fund for the down payment and will make the debt payments from the cum fund also. This one truck will actually replace two trucks.

Questions by board members:

Dave: Is this a loan with a local bank?

Duane: Yes. In the twelve years I have been the trustee, we have only had one other debt, which is now paid off. The bank has quoted us 66% above prime, not to exceed 7.99%. They allowed us to pay the previous debt off a year early and we were able to do that because of the low interest rate.

John: \$26,000 a year will use a significant portion of your cum fund, are you comfortable with that?

Duane: Yes; the payment of \$26,000 is based on an interest rate of 7.99%; we anticipate a lower rate and payment. We receive about \$36,000 a year in our cum fund, so that should leave us an excess of over \$10,000.

Recommendation:

John motioned to recommend approval of a fire equipment loan in the amount of \$122,280 for a term of six (6) years. Ken seconded and the motion carried 5-0.



**Raccoon Creek Fire Protection District, Parke County  
Establish a Levy**

Summary: The unit is requesting a levy to support the newly formed unit established in February 20<sup>th</sup> 2006, and will be allowed to collect property taxes in 2007.

Fund	Budget	Levy	Rate
General	\$137,708	\$153,208	.1559

Resolution/Ordinance: By the Board of Commissioners establishing Territory 02/20/2006

**Budget Information:**

Personnel		Supplies	
Salaries/Wages	\$2,400	Office	\$600
Benefits	\$	Operating	\$0
Other	\$	Repair/Maintenance	\$0
	\$2,400	Other	\$0
			\$600
Other		Capital Outlay	
Professional Services	\$3,500	Land	\$0
Printing & Advertising	\$400	Buildings	\$0
Contractual Payment	\$130,808	Improvements	\$
Insurance	\$0	Machinery/Equipment	\$0
Repairs/Maintenance	\$0	Other	\$
Rentals	\$0		\$0
Debt Service	\$0		
Other	\$0		
	\$134,708	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$137,708</b>

**Attendance**

The following people attended the meeting: John Pratt (Council member), Pam Adams (Deputy Auditor), James Rahn (Council member), Dale Gerrish (Council member), Max Williams (Council member), Larry Gambalani (Council member), Don Collins (Raccoon Creek Fire District Treasurer), David Burns (Chairman of the RCFPD), Jason Games (Bellmore Fire Chief), Terry Modesitt (District Attorney), and Larry D. Reeder (District member).

**Discussion:**

Terry: We prepared a petition and established a district without any objectors.

John Pratt: That is not true, there were objectors.

Dave Christian: I will give you a chance to speak, but the District has the floor now. Please wait until it is your turn and then address me.

Terry: There were not enough petitions to deny the District. We went before the County Council and their first comment to us was that they did not intend to approve our levy and that we could not operate without it. The County's concern is the loss of EDIT they would experience if this District was established. We thought we had presented a reasonable budget. We really do not know how to proceed from here; this is the first time we have ever had a budget denied.

Questions by board members:

Ken: Geographically, how many townships are included in the District?

Fire Chief: One full township, Union, and the northern part of Jackson Township. Jackson Township gives us about \$3,500 per year and Union gives us \$14,000.

John: What is your current budget?

Fire Chief: About \$25,500. The bare bones budget is \$60,000, but only \$20,000 of that comes from taxes. The other \$40,000 comes from donations and fund raisers.

Dave: Who owns the vehicles?

Fire Chief: We own all but one that Union Township bought us last year.

Dave: Does the County pay anything?

Fire Chief: No, nothing.

Terry: This department and the taxpayers only want to be safe and to have the necessary fire protection coverage. It is hard to get people to volunteer because of training and time issues.

John: A petition from property owners was presented to the County Commissioners for the establishment of the District?

Terry: Yes and the Auditor verified the signatures.

John: The Commissioners established the District, but not the levy or budget? Did they present a budget at that time to the Commissioners?

John Pratt: I have here the minutes from that meeting with the Commissioners when the District was established. They did not want to establish the District, but they had no choice. (See exhibit 1).

John: The Board of Commissioners established the District and appointed the District Board members correct? And then the District Board presented the budget to the County Council for approval, correct? Is that the steps that brought you to the County Council?

Terry: Yes, that is correct (he then read the statute governing the approval process of the District's budget).

Objectors:

John Pratt (spokesperson): Our County is facing a difficult situation. We will be forced to lose \$60,000 in CAGIT, not EDIT, funds directly out of our General Fund. We have to purchase voting machines before November in order to meet voting requirements. (See exhibit 2 for statement from the Parke County Council). We do not have an operating balance and are continuously forced to cut the budget. The loss of any revenue, current and future, is crippling to our ability to serve our taxpayers. The result would be layoffs and loss of basic services.

Ken: You are losing \$60,000 out of how much?

John: About \$700,000 - \$800,000.

John: I read your letter and what I am seeing is that the only real issue is the loss of CAGIT funds. If it wasn't for CAGIT, you wouldn't care one way or another?

John Pratt: Yes, that is true; the loss of CAGIT, no operating balance, and no way to recoup the loss is our main concern.

David Burns: We told the people in all our meetings that the District would add about fifteen cents per 100 to their taxes. That is what they heard and approved. It was a complete surprise, at least to a lot of us, that we would receive CAGIT to help offset the increased rate.

Dave: When did you find out about the CAGIT?

Tim: Three weeks ago during the Council meeting.]

Dave (To John Pratt): Where were you and the other council members on February 20<sup>th</sup>?

John Pratt: We were not invited to the Commissioners meeting – separation of government issues.

Dave: That's nonsense and no excuse. This issue did not just pop up three weeks ago. Why surprise them three weeks ago and deny their whole budget without even asking any questions? They need fire protection and they need the money to operate.

John Pratt: In response to that, Fire Districts are new to all of us. Right or wrong, we do not attend their meetings. The Commissioners did not want to establish the District, they had to.

John: Did the petition to establish the District address the anticipated increase in taxes?

Terry: The petition, by statute, had to contain several items, which it did. The budget was not one of the items included in the petition. However, the District did create literature that addressed the budget, the change that would happen, and the increase in taxes. As for the Commissioners not having a choice, they did have a choice in establishing the District. The statute clearly says "may"; they could have rejected the District.

Ken: The District did expect to receive CAGIT?

David: From the tax payers' point of view, it will only increase their taxes by eight or nine cents, not the fifteen we originally estimated.

Ken: Was the budget thought to be fair?

John Pratt: We did not discuss the budget.

Dan: To further detail what will happen, the rate and levy will be reduced in the two townships to offset the increase, plus there is a \$27,500 operating balance that could be reduced to further limit the increase.

Recommendation:

Ken motioned to recommend tabling of the issue until October 26<sup>th</sup>. John seconded and the motion carried 4-1 with Stan opposed.

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**Wabash Township, Parke County  
Re-establish Maximum Levies**

Summary: The unit is requesting to re-establish their maximum levies, both civil and fire, which they "lost" due to a misunderstanding of the budget process.

Fund	Budget	Levy	Rate
General	\$7,996	\$8,000	.0345
Township Assistance	\$1,000	\$1,200	.0052
Fire	\$5,000	\$15,000	.0752

Total Max Levy Requested: Civil: \$9,200 Fire: \$15,000

Budget Information:

Category	General	Twp Asst	Fire
Personal Services	\$3,417	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$800	\$0	\$0
Other Services	\$3,779	\$1,000	\$5,000
Capital Outlays	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$7,996	\$1,000	\$5000

Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Pam Sanders (Trustee).

Discussion:

I am not here to make excuses. I had received a letter saying that if I did not advertise a budget, then I would receive the same amount as the year before. Because of personnel issue, I did not advertise and lost my budgets and levies.

Questions by board members:

Dave: Anyone in the audience have something they want to say?

Dale Gerrish: I am president of the County Council and the major landowner of Wabash Township. She needs to get her books in order.

Pam: I understand that and I am working on it. I will not be trustee next year and I am trying to fix this before I leave office.

Dan: Did your township board approve this?

Pam: Yes, they did.

Recommendation:

Dan motioned to recommend approval of a civil maximum levy in the amount of \$9,200 and a fire maximum levy in the amount of \$15,000. John seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

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**Tippecanoe Township, Tippecanoe County**  
**Fire Building and Equipment Loan**

Summary: The unit is requesting approval to obtain a loan in the amount of \$800,000 for a term of six (6) years for the purpose of purchasing a 75' aerial fire truck and constructing a new fire station.

Project Costs: \$800,000      Amount applied to debt: \$800,000      Annual Payment: \$153,653

Controlled or Uncontrolled: Controlled

Revenue Source for Property Tax Backup: N/A

Tax Rate Impact:      2006 AV      \$310,131,860  
Levy Needed      \$146,633  
Est. Tax Rate      .0473

Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing 06/22 & 23/2006  
Date of public hearing 07/05/2006  
Resolution/Ordinance adopted 07/05/2006  
Notice of Determination 07/06 & 07/2006

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance: 08/24/2006

Common Construction Wage: N/A – construction costs are less than \$150,000

Financial History

Fire Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Budget Estimate	\$67,230	\$62,000	\$60,165	\$57,300
Cash Balance June 30	\$2,349	\$6,208	\$10,807	\$55,922
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$45,900	\$6,005	\$44,402	\$39,908
Rate	0.0148	0.0148	0.0160	0.0149

Missing Information: None

Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: John Huie (Resident), Philip Lehman (Fire Chief) and Bill Jones (Trustee).

Discussion:

John Huie: A few years ago I moved into a growing part of this township. There are large buildings under construction. The area is rapidly growing. They have three schools that within a year or so will house 1600 students. There are nine sub-division under construction resulting in an increase of 450 new homes. The distance between the fire station and the sub-division is over three miles, which relates to a fifteen to twenty minute response time. The types of homes being built is not what the township is used to servicing. They are mostly two stories with steep roofs. The third issue is that most of the new equipment being built today can be handled with less manpower, which helps us because of the lack of volunteers we have. It takes less manpower to operate the same amount of equipment.

Fire Chief: We are not asking for a bucket piece. We are asking for a ladder/pumper truck that will allow us to access the fire and evacuate people from a smoke-filled house. There are some demo-trucks that are available to us, which is why we can get them at this price. Our plans is to build a new station within a two-mile radius of all three schools.

Questions by board members:

Dave: Was this approved by your board?

Bill: Yes, unanimously. We have had no objections; in fact I have a letter signed by 150 people in favor of the projects. We put this letter out at our fund raisers and people who attended was able to sign it.

John: What are your five-year expectations for the township?

Bill: We expect a substantial increase in assessed value. The advisory board's goal is to build into a cumulative fund and have a rate of three and a third cents.

Stan: Does the township already own the land?

Bill: The parcel is on land owned by the middle school. We allowed the school to build eight tennis courts on property owned by the township. They are now very interested in working with us to build a fire station. The school is still working with the drainage board on some issues. When they get that worked out, then we can build the station.

Dan: How much expansion will this give you?

John Huie: The new station will have two bays for a total of four vehicles.

Recommendation:

Ken motioned to recommend approval of a fire loan in the amount of \$800,000 for a term of six (6) years.

John seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

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### **Lake County Unit, Lake County General Obligation Bonds**

Summary: The unit is requesting approval to issue bonds in the amount of \$5,000,000 for a term of twelve (12) years for the purpose of improving the second county highway district garage structures located outside the corporate limits of Lowell.

Project Costs: \$5,000,000      Amount applied to debt: \$5,000,000      Annual Payment: \$701,500

Controlled or Uncontrolled: Controlled

Revenue Source for Property Tax Backup: N/A

Tax Rate Impact:	2006 AV	\$19,210,322,805
	Levy Needed	\$645,380
	Est. Tax Rate	.0034

Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing	03/03/2006
Date of public hearing	03/14/2006
Resolution/Ordinance adopted	03/14/2006 and 08/09/2006 by the County Council
Notice of Determination	05/10/2006

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance: 09/22/2006

Common Construction Wage: 09/11/2006 Vote: 4-0-1 abstained

#### **Financial History**

Fire Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Budget Estimate	\$120,605,946	\$111,104,677	\$110,722,571	\$106,606,225
Cash Balance June 30	\$134,399	\$(14,064,130)	\$25,764,105	\$42,896,225
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$93,342,959	\$90,399,813	\$87,298,718	\$86,957,576
Rate	0.4859	0.4762	0.4692	0.4866

Missing Information: None

## Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Robert Swintz (Financial Advisor), Duane Alverson (Engineer), Deron Kintner (Attorney), Marcus Malczewski (Superintendent), and Eric Beaulieu (Architect).

## Discussion:

Dave: Where does Major Moves money fit into your project?

Marcus: The County just received a check for \$4.4 million for roads; that money can only be used for roads. Lake County has 600 hundred miles of roads to maintain and it cost about \$160,000 to \$165,000 per mile. The \$4.4 million will not go very far. We will use a portion of it to match federal grants. No structures qualify for Major Moves funds.

The garage we are here today for is to replace the 2<sup>nd</sup> district highway garage located near the Town of Lowell. There is a lot of people coming in from Illinois and settling in this area. The south end of town is growing rapidly, which is the area we want to build this garage. Soon the current garage will have no value to us. We took a look to see where the future of the County will be. This area has sub-divisions after sub-division going up. The taxpayers in this area expect rapid removal of snow and other services.

The current garage is only 9,000 to 10,000 square feet. We have to put graders, snow removal trucks, and other equipment we have all in this one building. The need for a new building is obvious when looking at these pictures. The roof is questionable and can fall in at any time. We have both male and female truck drivers, but have no restroom or dressing areas for females. The new building will accommodate our needs right now and for future needs also.

## Questions by board members:

Dave: How big is the new garage?

Marcus: About 35,000 square foot.

Ken: When you say you are building it big enough for the future, do you mean that you are building a bigger structure than you need right now?

Marcus: No; we currently only have thirteen routes. According to analysis and standards, we should have sixteen.

John: Is this the first time you have bonded for this type of structure? Are you going to be using LR&S and MVH funds as well?

Marcus: Both the LR&S and the MVH funds are shrinking. What funds we have are needed to maintain current projects. Asphalt prices are skyrocketing, so we have to do more with less.

Ken: Your per square foot amount seems high at \$167.

Marcus: That includes mechanical areas, office space, electrical and storage space.

Eric: It also includes \$900,000 of site work that is needed before the structure can be built. We have to install a retention pond, remove asphalt, put in a storm water drain, etc.

Marcus: The construction of just the building is \$3,250,000.

Stan: What is the percentage of garage space to office space?

Eric: About three quarters is garage space.

John: Has the building gone to bid yet?

Marcus: No, we are working off of estimated amounts.

Stan: What kind of routine maintenance do you have because looking at these pictures it seems to be a lack of maintenance that has caused the building to deteriorate?

Marcus: I agree, most governmental budgets do not allow for maintenance budgets, and then you have to try to play catch up. This building was not built to house the kind of equipment we have. Trucks have changed a great deal in the last fifteen years.

Dave: What is currently at this site?

Marcus: The current building. We are going to build the new garage on the same site. The site is twenty acres so we will still use the old building until the new one is ready.

Ken: With \$900,000 budgeted for site work, did you consider another site?

Marcus: No, we didn't because we already had the site and owned it.

Stan: Do you get riverboat money?

Marcus: Yes, but it is earmarked for bridges and used for grant matching money. The highway department only gets about \$500,000.

Dan: Was this approved by the County Council?

Marcus: Yes, unanimously 7-0.

Ken: Did you consider other alternatives? This seems to be very expensive for a garage.

Marcus: It is designed to meet our current and future needs.

Dan: What other kinds of debt does Lake County have other than what is listed on page 8?

Marcus: These were the only general obligation bonds.

Dave: How many vehicles do you store in the garage?

Marcus: It will have twenty bays and we will use all of them. We need to store front end loaders, snow plow, graders, etc.

John: I want to know that if the bids are awarded for less than this amount that you will not start adding stuff to this list.

Marcus: Absolutely not - that will not happen.

Stan: How is the Circuit Breaker going to affect this?

Marcus: I don't know, I can't answer that question yet.

Recommendation:

John motioned to recommend approval of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$5,000,000 for a term of twelve (12) years. Dan seconded and the motion tied at 2-2-1 with Stan and Ken opposed and Dave abstaining.

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**Seymour Municipal Airport Authority, Jackson County**  
**Establish a Maximum Levy**

Summary: The unit is requesting a levy to support the Authority originally established on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1992. The Authority has not levied taxes since it's' conception. It is now requesting the authority to levy a tax.

Fund	Budget	Levy	Rate
Aviation	\$932,190	\$291,595	.0333
Equipment Replacement Fund			.0033

Ordinances:

Established a tax levy for the Aviation fund not to exceed .0333	05/15/2006
Established a tax levy for the Cumulative Building fund not to exceed .0033	05/15/2006
Ordinance establishing the Airport Authority	11/30/1992

Budget Information:

Personnel		Supplies	
Salaries/Wages	\$194,228	Office	\$4,800
Benefits	\$84,790	Operating	\$28,550
Other	\$0	Repair/Maintenance	\$3,000
	<u>\$279,018</u>	Other	<u>\$7,600</u>
			\$43,950
Other		Capital Outlay	
Professional	\$7,400	Land	\$0
Communications	\$9,800	Buildings	\$0
Printing/Advertising	\$800	Improvements	\$0
Utility	\$28,500	Machinery/Equipment	\$15,500
Repairs/Maintenance	\$31,500	Other	<u>\$350,992</u>
Rentals	\$1,000		<u>\$366,492</u>
Property Taxes	\$60,000		
Other	<u>\$43,500</u>		
	\$242,700	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$932,190</b>

Total amount of projects to be completed over a five year period = \$4,674,020

Project total Capital Outlays capitalized over a five year period = 934,804

Requested permanent levy in capital projects for total projects = \$350,992

Yearly machinery/equipment portion capitalized over a five year period = \$3,100

New total for Capital Outlays = 354,092

New Total Budget = \$919,790

Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Don R. Furlow (Airport Manager), Lloyd G. Hudson (Airport Authority), Bryan Collins (Attorney), and Jeffrey Lorenzo (City Attorney).

Discussion:

Jeff: Your charge to us was to bring you back a ten-year projection and approval from an elected body. I will not... in full disclosure I tell you that the City Council did not approve our budget because of the cumulative effect of approving increases in several budgets they heard before ours.

Don: I went back and revised my ten-year budget plan. We have twenty-seven miles of sewer lines on our field that ranges from 6" to 36". We are losing farm grounds on a continuing basis. We have to deal with maintenance on a continuing basis also. I have identified almost \$2 ½ million of projects that will need to be addressed either now or over the next ten years.

Questions by board members:

Dave: What is your revenue source for the \$607,965 under the capital improvement/replacement fund line?

Don: It is a three-fold amount that comes from hanger rentals, building leases, and a little bit of investment interest.

Lloyd: That amount is actually what is left from a one-time sale of our utility; the original selling price was \$1.2 million.

Jeff: On the evening that the council heard our proposal, they County had come to them with an agreement to help support a third court. In signing that agreement, it committed their EDIT funds. Next came the regular levy plus and increase due to an excessive levy appeal. After those two increases were approved, then we were next. By that time, the people were tired of the increase in their taxes. I am the only council member that voted in favor of the budget; all the others voted against it. This is my assessment of why it was denied, not because of the lack of need, but because the people were getting restless about increased taxes.

Ken: The resolution presented was for the budget?

Jeff: No, it was for the levy. There were no disagreements on the need or what the funding was intended for.

Bryan: There is a part of the statute that allows the Council to deny, modify or approve an airport authority's budget.

Dan: The statute he is talking about includes the budget, the levy and the rate.

Jeff: There is accountability each year to the council.

John: Is there some sense that the Council would approve a levy and rate for the airport at some time?

Jeff: I did not get the notion to never bring it before them again. The three cents for the appeal would have covered what we were asking for.

Recommendation:

Ken motioned to recommend approval of a levy in the amount of \$320,492. John seconded and the motion failed 4-1.

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**Town of Munster Park District, Lake County  
Park District Bonds**

Summary: The unit is requesting approval to issue bonds in the amount of \$1,970,000 for a term of four (4) years for the purpose of financing the planning, construction, development and improvement at certain parks and bike paths, design engineering studies, purchase of park equipment and costs of bond issuance and sale.

Project Costs: \$1,970,000      Amount applied to debt: \$1,970,000      Annual Payment: \$565,638

Controlled or Uncontrolled: Uncontrolled

Revenue Source for Property Tax Backup: N/A

Tax Rate Impact:	2006 AV	\$1,597,432,193
	Levy Needed	\$487,088
	Est. Tax Rate	.0305

Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing	N/A
Date of public hearing	N/A
Resolution/Ordinance adopted	07/18/2006 and 08/15/2006
Notice of Determination	N/A

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance: N/A      09/19/2006

Common Construction Wage: 09/11/2006      Vote: 3-0-1 abstained

**Financial History**

General Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Budget Estimate	\$5,406,528	\$5,814,869	\$5,097,385	\$5,698,991
Cash Balance June 30	\$9,508	\$17,663	\$792,707	\$45,303
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$3,736,394	\$3,828,933	\$3,683,416	\$3,545,004
Rate	0.2339	0.2436	0.2412	0.2427

Missing Information: None

**Attendance**

The following people attended the meeting: Jim Shanahan (Bond Counsel), Tom Degiulio (Town Manager), Dave Shafer (Clerk Treasurer), and Bob O'Shaughnessy (Director of Parks and Recreation).

**Discussion:**

Dave Shafer: Out intent is to keep the tax rate level. Once a debt is retired, another one goes on. This is how we keep up with capital projects. New projects have to wait their turn. The majority of this bond issue is for park improvements. We have approximately 200 acres of park land. There are a lot of playground equipment and sidewalks that have deteriorated. Several of the projects include constructing biking and walking trails. We sent out a survey on what improvements the taxpayers wanted to see in the parks and sixty percent responded that they wanted biking and walking trails, so we are trying to meet those needs.

One of the projects is to turn eleven acres into a park that not currently available in a newly developed area.

Questions by board members:

John: Page six of the hearing information sheet shows that the majority of your bond issues have four to five year terms – is this by design?

Dave: Yes, it is a quick way to make capital improvements and financed for a short term to keep interest costs down.

Recommendation:

John motioned to recommend approval to issues bonds in the amount of \$1,970,000 for a term of four (4) years. Ken seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

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**Town of Munster, Lake County  
General Obligation Bonds**

Summary: The unit is requesting approval to issue bonds in the amount of \$1,970,000 for a term of four (4) years for the purpose of financing the costs of general street resurfacing and reconstruction, acquisition of capital equipment items, improvements to municipal facilities, purchase of police and fire equipment and a fire apparatus, plus costs of issuance.

Project Costs: \$1,970,000      Amount applied to debt: \$1,970,000      Annual Payment: \$565,638

Controlled or Uncontrolled: Uncontrolled

Revenue Source for Property Tax Backup: N/A

Tax Rate Impact:	2006 AV	\$1,597,432,193
	Levy Needed	\$466,538
	Est. Tax Rate	.0292

Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing	07/14 & 21/2006 for an additional appropriation
Date of public hearing	07/24/2006
Resolution/Ordinance adopted	07/10/2006
Notice of Determination	07/14 & 21/2006

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance: N/A

Common Construction Wage: 09/11/2006      Vote: 3-0-1 abstained

**Financial History**

General Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Budget Estimate	\$5,406,528	\$5,814,869	\$5,097,385	\$5,698,991
Cash Balance June 30	\$9,508	\$17,663	\$792,707	\$45,303
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$3,736,394	\$3,828,933	\$3,683,416	\$3,545,004
Rate	0.2339	0.2436	0.2412	0.2427

Missing Information: None

#### Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Jim Shanahan (Bond Counsel), Tom Degiulio (Town Manager), Dave Shafer (Clerk Treasurer), and Bob O'Shaughnessy (Director of Parks and Recreation).

#### Discussion and Questions by board members:

Dave Christian: How does Major Moves funding work in with this project?

Dave Shafer: We will receive about \$750,000 from both distributions. That funding is already earmarked for a project that will cost \$40 million.

Dave C.: Have you talked to the RDA for assistance?

Dave S.: We have talked to them and they may advance us some money. It is not one of his five project plans.

Dave C.: This will have an impact on intermodals.

Dave S.: Yes, a big impact.

John: Page six shows that most of your bonds are just under the controlled amount – what is the general feeling of the public in this kind of financing?

Dave S.: As I have told previous board members, if I did not come here with one or two projects, then my taxpayers would say that I am not being aggressive enough. Each year we mark off a couple of projects as new ones rise to the top. The problem is not with remonstrators, but keeping the tax rate level.

Dan: By doing continuous bond issues, aren't you keeping the cost of issuance high?

Dave S.: No because we do not have a financial advisor. We use the same bond counsel and our local attorney. Our issuance cost is actually very low. We do a lot of things in-house ourselves.

Dan: What is your total rate?

Dave S.: The total rate is \$2.24 and seventeen or eighteen cents is attributable to us.

Dan: Have you done any kind of circuit breaker analysis?

Dave S.: Circuit Breaker has already impacted us. We anticipate a future impact of around \$600,000 when commercial property is included.

#### Recommendation:

Ken motioned to recommend approval of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$1,970,000 for a term of four (4) years. Stan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

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### **Town of Dyer Redevelopment Authority, Lake County Redevelopment District Bonds**

Summary: The unit is requesting approval to execute a lease in the amount of \$5,275,000 with maximum annual lease rental payments not to exceed \$412,531 for a term of twenty (20) years for the purpose of financing the acquisition of approximately 77 acres of land for the establishment of a new park.

Project Costs: \$5,275,000      Amount applied to debt: \$5,275,000      Annual Payment: \$412,531

Controlled or Uncontrolled: Controlled

Revenue Source for Property Tax Backup: N/A

Tax Rate Impact:	2006 AV	\$781,530,228
	Levy Needed	\$391,904
	Est. Tax Rate	.0501

Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing	03/03/2006
Date of public hearing	03/13/2006
Resolution/Ordinance adopted	03/13/2006 & 06/21/2006 by the Town Council
Notice of Determination	Missing

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance: Missing

Common Construction Wage: N/A – no construction costs involved

Financial History

General Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Budget Estimate	\$4,259,055	\$3,990,000	\$0	\$3,748,911
Cash Balance June 30	\$236,631	\$698,226	\$92,541	\$667,159
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$2,765,835	\$2,463,691	\$2,431,995	\$2,328,561
Rate	0.3539	0.3219	0.3363	0.3287

Missing Information:

Notice of Determination  
Auditor's Certificate

Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Lance Ryskamp (Redevelopment Commission Attorney), Thomas Hoffman (Clerk Treasurer), William T. Enslen (Town Attorney), Connee Trepton (Redevelopment Commission), Mark Heintz (Superintendent of Parks & Recreation), Jethroe Smith (RDC), John Julien (Financial Advisor), Lisa Lee (Bond Counsel with Ice Miller), and Patricia Zelmer (Bond Counsel with Ice Miller).

Discussion:

One parcel remains with large tracts on it within the limits of Dyer. Statistics show that for a Town our size, we should have 160 acres of parks; we only have 80 acres. The parcel has been appraised at \$5 million through condemnation proceedings. There have been three separate hearings, both with the Park District and the Town Council levels. None of the hearings had anyone object to the project. We want to acquire the project and develop it into a park. The first phase is to build athletic fields and a Community Center.

Questions by board members:

Ken: Have you finalized the purchase price?

Tom: Yes, after we filed a condemnation suit, the final appraisal is \$5.1 million, per the court appointed appraisers. There were no objections to the condemnation suit or the taking of the land.

Ken: Why did you go the condemnation route?

Tom: We could not come to an agreement with the land owner. Our original appraisal was \$2 million for open farm land. His appraisal was for \$4.7 million. We filed a “friendly” condemnation to come to an agreement on a fair price.

John: Page two of the hearing information sheet (tab 1) asks for a listing of all funds with their rates, but only two funds have been listed – what is the total rate for Dyer?

Tom: It is currently \$2.5277; with both debt rates combined, it will be \$2.90. In response to the survey the Park District distributed, 70-80% of the people said they were willing to pay for park facilities.

John: In comparing pages two and eight, page eight shows a lease being refunded in 2005, but page two does not show that debt issue, why not?

Tom: That issue is being funded by TIF, not a property tax rate.

Recommendation:

Ken motioned to recommend approval to execute a lease in the amount of \$510,000 for a term of twenty-two (22) years. Stan seconded and the motion carried 4-1 with Dan opposed because they are already affected by the Circuit Breaker and there is a high probability that debt payments cannot be met.

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**Town of Dyer Park District, Lake County  
General Obligation Bonds**

Summary: The unit is requesting approval to issue bonds in the amount of \$4,500,000 for a term of ten (10) years for the purpose of financing the construction of a new community building in a new park, and to make improvements to two existing parks.

Project Costs: \$4,500,000      Amount applied to debt: \$4,500,000      Annual Payment: \$563,370

Controlled or Uncontrolled: Controlled

Revenue Source for Property Tax Backup: N/A

Tax Rate Impact:	2006 AV	\$781,530,228
	Levy Needed	\$537,101
	Est. Tax Rate	.0687

Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing	07/02/2006
Date of public hearing	07/13/2006
Resolution/Ordinance adopted	07/13/2006 & 08/16/2006
Notice of Determination	07/19 & 26/2006

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance: 09/12/2006

Common Construction Wage: 09/11/2006      Vote: 4-0-1 abstained

## Financial History

General Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Budget Estimate	\$373,160	\$300,000	\$0	\$289,687
Cash Balance June 30	\$77,368	\$9,899	\$21,473	\$96,799
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$260,250	\$274,764	\$269,740	\$213,941
Rate	0.0333	0.0359	0.0373	0.0302

Missing Information: None

## Attendance

The following people attended the meeting:

Discussion and Questions by board members:

Dan: Did you come up short last year because of the Circuit Breaker?

Tom: Yes, we did, by about \$16,000.

Dan: What are you going to do with a one cent increase and coming up short on distribution already?

Tom: We are already that issue. We have already re-negotiated utility and other costs and have decreased monthly expenses by \$28,000. We have analyzed every service we provide in order to streamline them.

John Julien: You can only use the financial information you have at the time to analyze projects.

Ken: Tell us about the Community Center.

Tom: We plan to develop a park with soccer and baseball fields, construct the infrastructure and a concert area. We also plan to construct a community center for large and small gatherings. Our Town currently does not have any such place to hold meetings. Along with this park, there are two other parks that need playground equipment replaced and improvements to the tennis courts.

Ken: These projects seem kind of tentative – how sure are you about going ahead with these projects?

Tom: These are concrete projects. We have been assisted in our plans by a Master Park Planner in analyzing our needs. We currently have no facility that will meet the needs that our taxpayers are requesting.

Dan: Munster could not get insurance on their bonds because of the Circuit Breaker – will that affect you also?

Tom: I am sure that we will face the same issue.

## Recommendation:

Ken motioned to recommend approval to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$4,500,000 for a term of twenty (20) years. Stan seconded and the motion carried 4-1 with Dan opposed because they are already affected by the Circuit Breaker and there is a high probability that debt payments cannot be met.



**Portage Township, Porter County  
Emergency Township Assistance Loan**

Summary: The unit is requesting an emergency township assistance loan in the amount of \$175,000 for a term of one (1) year for the purpose of financing the additional costs of poor relief. The amount of financial assistance to be provided to needy families is projected to exceed current-year appropriations.

Project Costs: \$175,000      Amount applied to debt: \$175,000      Annual Payment: \$184,017

Emergency Loan Calculation:	2006
Certified Property Taxes	\$533,096
Certified Misc. Revenue	\$49,499
Jan. 1st Cash Balance	\$66,177
Total Funds Available	\$648,772
Less: Prior Year Encumbrances	\$0
Less: Estimated Expenses	\$824,125
Funds Remaining (Needed)	<b>\$(175,353)</b>

Budget Advertised	\$674,126
Budget Adopted	\$674,126

Advertised/Adopted Budget	\$674,126
Less Certified Budget	\$617,913
Budget cut by DLGF	\$56,213

Tax Rate Impact:	2006 AV	\$1,910,738,407
	Levy Needed	\$169,017
	Est. Tax Rate	.0088

Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing	08/19/2006 for an additional appropriation
Date of public hearing	08/30/2006
Resolution/Ordinance adopted	08/30/2006
Notice of Determination	N/A

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance: N/A

Financial History

Township Assist. Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Certified Budget	\$617,913	\$641,010	\$609,961	\$591,288
Cash Balance June 30	\$190,377	\$(165,997)	\$(90,576)	\$175,448
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$533,096	\$582,656	\$498,009	\$481,766
Rate	0.0279	0.0320	0.0274	0.0271

Missing Information: None

Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Jack Jent (Trustee), Eva Cloyd (Bookkeeper), Karl Cender (Financial Advisor), and Tom Pitman (Attorney with Baker & Daniels).

Discussion:

Jack: There has been a lot of unemployment with a lot of people moving in from Illinois. Last year's loan was \$200,000; this year I was able to reduce that amount to \$175,000.

Questions by board members:

Stan: How many repeat recipients do you have?

Jack: An estimate is about thirty percent.

Stan: Are most of these people on Welfare also?

Jack: Yes, that is a prerequisite for them to qualify for township assistance.

Stan: Are you at your max rate?

Jack: Yes, we are.

Ken: What has happened to cause your expenses to be so high?

Jack: A large influx of people from Chicago is coming to our township because of the cost of living and subsidized housing available. The housing is reasonable because there is fourteen trailer parks in the township.

Stan: Have you considered raising your standards for qualification or using the same rate as in neighboring townships?

Jack: I am more conservative than the other townships – my standards are stricter and none of the townships use the same standards.

Stan: What percentage of Porter County lives in your township?

Jack: About thirty percent – we are the largest township in Porter County. We are also the only one with fourteen trailer courts.

Dan: What is the maximum number of months you can assist one family?

Jack: There is no limit – they have to meet the qualification each month and if they meet them, we are to give them assistance.

Ken: How fast are your expenses rising?

Jack: We have seen a tendency to level off and even decline a little.

John: How did you arrive at the \$825,000?

Jack: I took the current expenses as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, divided it by 5 and then multiplied it by 12 to arrive at a yearly amount.

Tom: There will be a slight decrease in the debt tax rate since this year's loan is less than last years.

Recommendation:

John motioned to recommend approval of an emergency township assistance loan in the amount of \$175,000 for a term of one (1) year. Stan seconded and the motion carried 4-1 with Ken opposed because the trustee's numbers are not adequate (they do not add up); the Trustee cannot come up with what he needs based on the information submitted.

**Cleveland Township, Elkhart County  
Emergency Fire Loan**

Summary: The unit is requesting an emergency fire loan in the amount of \$100,000 for a term of one (1) year for the purpose of funding a shortfall in the 2006 approved budget for fire services.

Project Costs: \$100,000

Amount applied to debt: \$100,000

Annual Payment: \$107,000

Emergency Loan Calculation:	2006
Certified Property Taxes	\$133,442
Certified Misc. Revenue	\$13,585
Jan. 1st Cash Balance	\$0
Total Funds Available	\$147,027
Less: Prior Year Encumbrances	\$0
Less: Estimated Expenses	\$408,976
Funds Remaining (Needed)	<b>(\$261,949)</b>

Budget Advertised \$408,976

Budget Adopted \$408,976

Advertised/Adopted Budget \$408,976

Less Certified Budget \$137,984

Budget cut by DLGF \$270,992

Tax Rate Impact: 2006 AV \$280,931,460

Levy Needed \$107,000

Est. Tax Rate .0381

Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing 05/15/2006

Date of public hearing 05/25/2006

Resolution/Ordinance adopted 05/25/2006

Notice of Determination 05/31/2006

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance: 07/15/2006

Financial History

Fire Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Certified Budget	\$137,984	\$255,689	\$200,019	\$226,956
Cash Balance June 30	\$1,839	\$60,428	\$1	\$25,627
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$133,442	\$121,400	\$104,204	\$99,645
Rate	0.0475	0.0431	0.0377	0.0343

Missing Information: None

Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Jim Crawford (Bond Counsel), Kathy Gordon (Trustee), Hany Habib (Board Member), and Radcliffe R. Daly (Board President).

Discussion:

Jim Crawford: Cleveland Township has no outstanding debt. This is their first year to request an emergency loan.

Questions by board members:

Dan: They qualify for \$271,000, why are you asking for only a \$100,000?

Kathy: We are asking for enough to match what we gave them in 2005. We would like to be able to increase the amount we give them, but the minimum is to match what we gave them last year.

Dave: What caused you to be short?

Kathy: We were spending down our surplus and then were stuck with too low a levy when the levies were frozen. We have no way to build our levy back up.

Stan: Your proposed budget was for \$409,000, why the \$171,000 difference in what you will accept?

Kathy: The proposed budget was what the fire department wanted, which was based on seven paid firefighters. They only have three now and would like to hire four more.

Ken: What is your contract amount?

Kathy: The contract amount is \$237,000.

Radcliffe: By the end of the year, there will be over 2500 homes in the township. We have cut corners in order to hire two additional firefighters, but we need more.

Recommendation:

Ken motioned to recommend approval of an emergency fire loan in the amount of \$100,000 for a term of one (1) year. John seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

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**Princeton-Patoka Township Fire Territory, Gibson County**  
**Establish a Levy**

Summary: The unit is requesting a levy to support the newly formed unit established in March 20, 2006 and will be effective to collect property taxes in 2007.

Fund	Budget	Levy	Rate
General	\$2,200,000	\$2,500,000	.5319

Resolutions: Establishing Territory 03/20/2006

Budget Information:

Personnel		Supplies	
Salaries/Wages	\$1,164,100	Office	\$32,000
Benefits	\$533,000	Operating	\$38,000
Other	\$30,900	Repair/Maintenance	\$6,000
	<u>\$1,728,000</u>	Other	\$
			<u>\$76,000</u>
Other		Capital Outlay	
Contractual Payments	\$17,000	Land	\$0
Truck Expenses	\$	Buildings	\$0

Utilities	\$54,700	Improvements	\$0
Insurance	\$65,000	Fire Fighting Equipment	\$128,500
Testing & Service	\$32,60	Other	\$0
Maintenance / Repair	\$53,500		\$128,500
Debt Service	\$		
Other	\$44,650		
	\$267,500	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$2,200,000</b>

#### Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Steve Dyson (Financial Advisor), Robert J. Hurst (City of Princeton Mayor), and Neil A. Moody (Patoka Township Trustee).

#### Discussion:

Steve Dyson (referring to handout) presented a time line of the establishment of the District.

#### Questions by board members:

John: The proposed rate is a little over fifty cents, what were the combined rates of the Town and Township for fire protection?

Mayor: The Town's rate was thirty-five cents for fire and forty cents for police.

Steve: The Township's rate was thirty cents. The 2007 budget increased 18% from 2006, which includes the addition of two firefighters. The rate we have projected is based on a drop in assessed value. If assessed value increases, then the rate will decrease.

John: Let's talk about the levies, what increase in the levy is a result of the District forming?

Steve: The current levy is \$1,750,000 the proposed is \$2,500,000, which includes a twenty percent operating balance that is allowed by statute.

John: Do have a cumulative fund?

Steve: Yes, we established it at the maximum rate of .0333; it will bring in about \$170,000 per year.

John: Will this replace any township funds?

Steve: Yes, the township has a cumulative fund that will no longer be needed.

Ken: Do you plan on hiring more personnel?

Steve: Yes, and additional six more career firefighters.

Dan: What is the population of the township?

Steve: About 11,000 to 11,500. During the daytime, the population increases by 8,000 to 9,000 more because of the Toyota plant. The Town's population is 8,550.

Ken: Was there any discussion in the community about the rate increase?

Trustee: Not on the rate, only with the use of the equipment and what the Board would be responsible for. The response time has been cut from 5.4 minutes last year to 3.57 minutes this year.

Ken: Are you experiencing a lot of growth?

Trustee: Yes, and a lot is expected in the Town also. INDOT is working on certain roads in the area to improve safety and traffic flow.

Dan: The budget for the township has salaries of \$40,000 and PERF at \$8,000. Based on 8% rate, PERF should only be \$4,900.

Steve: The Territory will pay twenty-four percent of the retirement fund and the firefighters will pay the other three percent.

Dan: You have budgeted \$128,500 for capital outlay, the DLGF traditionally allows only twenty percent in any one year since they are one-time non-recurring purchases. Twenty percent is \$25,700. What is the \$44,650 under "Other"?

Steve: I am not sure; I will need to check on that.

Stan: You might want to look at the supplies amount of \$32,000 also.

Stan: Going back to your timeline – what authority does a township have to sign an ordinance? I have a real problem with townships being a part of a territory, because they do not have the authority to sign an ordinance, which is what the law requires.

Recommendation:

Ken motioned to recommend approval of a levy in an amount not to exceed \$2,397,200. John seconded and the motion carried 4-1 with Stan opposed.

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### Perry Township Fire Protection Territory, Allen County Establish a Levy

Summary: The unit is requesting a levy to support the newly formed unit established on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2006, and will be effective to collect property taxes in 2007.

Fund	Budget	Levy	Rate
General	\$660,000	\$474,939	.0396

Resolutions:	By the Town of Huntertown Town Council establishing the Territory	02/06/2006
	By the Eel River Township Board	01/25/2006
	By the Perry Township Board	01/25/2006

#### Budget Information:

Personnel		Supplies	
Salaries/Wages	\$280,000	Office	
Benefits	\$100,000	Operating	\$25,000
Other	\$10,000	Repair/Maintenance	\$40,000
	<u>\$390,000</u>	Other	<u>\$0</u>
			\$65,000
Other		Capital Outlay	
Contractual Payments	\$187,200	Land	
Truck Expenses		Buildings	
Clothing Allowance		Improvements	
Insurance		Machinery/Equipment	
Repairs/Maintenance		Other	<u>\$0</u>
Rentals			
Debt Service			
Other	<u>\$17,800</u>		
	\$205,000	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$660,000</b>

#### Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Roger L. Gump (Perry Township Trustee).

#### Discussion:

The Town of Hometown, Eel River Township and the unincorporated Perry Township has established a Fire Territory. We have set a maximum property tax rate for the first year at 3.2 cents. For Perry and the Town, the rate is the same as 2005's rate. Eel River will need to raise their rates from 1.17 cents to the new Territory rate of 3.2 cents.

Perry Township in Allen County is the fastest growing township. The number of emergency responses exceeds 750 per year. This number of runs is more than our volunteers can handle. With some excess funds, we have employed several firefighters to help cover our area. The volunteer fire department on our east side is having some problems. We are now covering all of the Territory. The City of Fort Wayne has a fire rate of 38 cents and most of the volunteer units that touch the City have a much larger tax rate than we do.

We have a diverse committee that will look at our new paid firefighters and make recommendations for the future. At this point, we may be looking at raising one to two cents for 2008 and another one cent in 2009 for an equipment replacement fund.

Perry Township, who owns the equipment, will transfer ownership of the equipment as the Territory purchases new equipment. We cannot man the equipment with the volunteers we have. We are growing rapidly. This is evidenced by a new school being built every two years. Right now I need people, not equipment. We will establish an Equipment Replacement Fund in a couple of years to meet future needs.

#### Questions by board members:

Ken: What is the combined rate for fire protection from all three units?

Roger: If you include the cumulative funds, it is the same rate. Hometown is paying the same rate as I am; Eel River is only at one cent – they will need to increase by two cents to come up to our level.

Ken: How does the \$660,000 budget compare to the current budgets?

Roger: It is the same amount I spent last year. I had some excess money that I could use to get the Territory started.

Dan: What kind of income taxes does Gibson County have – are you a COIT county?

Roger: I was told that I wouldn't get any of it the first year.

Ken: This is basically business as usual, just organized under a different entity?

Roger: Yes.

#### Recommendation:

Ken motioned to recommend approval of a levy in the amount of \$474,939. Dan seconded and the motion carried 4-1 with Stan opposed.

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**Washington Township, Whitley County  
Fire Building Loan**

Summary: The unit is requesting approval to obtain a loan in the amount of \$70,000 for a term of six (6) years for the purpose of constructing an addition to the fire station.

Project Costs: \$94,000                      Amount applied to debt: \$75,000                      Annual Payment: \$15,000

Controlled or Uncontrolled: Controlled

Revenue Source for Property Tax Backup: N/A

Tax Rate Impact:	2006 AV	\$61,056,940
	Levy Needed	\$14,035
	Est. Tax Rate	.0230

Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing	03/15/2006
Date of public hearing	03/27/2006
Resolution/Ordinance adopted	03/27/2006
Notice of Determination	Missing

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance: 06/22/2006

Common Construction Wage: 05/17/2006

Financial History

Fire Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Budget Estimate	\$31,000	\$29,527	\$29,000	\$0
Cash Balance June 30	\$18,001	\$4,915	\$29,997	\$33,299
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$19,905	\$19,184	\$18,410	\$17,605
Rate	0.0326	0.0314	0.0290	0.0279

Missing Information: None

Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Kevin Bollinger (Trustee) and Jeremy Hammel (Fire Chief).

Discussion:

We are asking for a plain basic addition onto the fire station. The \$75,000 was requested based on a estimate in February. With the increase in construction material, it looks like the bids are going to come in at over \$90,000. Our firefighters are willing to do some of the construction to keep the cost down.

Questions by board members:

Stan: Have you already awarded the bids yet?

Kevin: No.



Stan then discussed with the Trustee that he could reject all bids and right them over again to include just the shell and the firefighters doing part of the construction and finishing work in order to meet the \$70,000 debt request.

There was also a discussion about the request of \$75,000, but the advertisement was only for \$70,000 and that is the maximum that they could recommend.

Recommendation:

Ken motioned to recommend approval of a fire loan in the amount of \$70,000 for a term of six (6) years. John seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

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### Clinton Township, Vermillion County Emergency Fire Loan

Summary: The unit is requesting an emergency fire loan in the amount of \$50,000 for a term of one (1) year for the purpose of funding fire fighting demands.

Project Costs: \$50,000                      Amount applied to debt: \$50,000                      Annual Payment: \$52,500

Emergency Loan Calculation:	2006
Certified Property Taxes	\$48,399
Certified Misc. Revenue	\$3,283
Jan. 1st Cash Balance (June 30 <sup>1</sup> )	\$6,110
Total Funds Available	\$57,792
Less: Prior Year Encumbrances	\$0
Less: Estimated Expenses	\$100,709
Funds Remaining (Needed)	<b>\$(42,917)</b>

Budget Advertised	\$100,709
Budget Adopted	\$100,709

Advertised/Adopted Budget	\$100,709
Less Certified Budget	\$46,155
Budget cut by DLGF	\$54,554

Tax Rate Impact:	2006 AV	\$96,604,392
	Levy Needed	\$52,500
	Est. Tax Rate	.0543

Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing	06/21/2006
Date of public hearing	07/05/2006
Resolution/Ordinance adopted	07/05/2006
Notice of Determination	07/12/2006

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance:	08/14/2006
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## Financial History

Fire Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Certified Budget	\$46,155	\$58,028	\$60,282	\$59,312
Cash Balance June 30	\$6,110	\$10,464	\$13,253	\$26,407
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$48,399	\$46,598	\$40,599	\$40,744
Rate	0.0501	0.0450	0.0412	0.0421

Missing Information: Received only pages 1 & 5 of hearing information sheet

## Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Ryan Akers (Fire Chief) and Ron Ellis (Trustee).

## Discussion:

Ron: This is our second year to request an emergency fire loan. We have two full-time firefighters. The Fire Marshall says we have to take over another station in order to provide fire protection services to an area currently un-served.

## Questions by board members:

Ken: How much was your loan last year?

Ron: \$50,000.

## Recommendation:

Ken motioned to recommend approval of an emergency fire loan in the amount of \$50,000 for a term of one (1) year. John seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

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## City of New Castle Park District, Henry County Park District Bonds

Summary: The unit is requesting approval to issue bonds in the amount of \$1,950,000 for a term of sixteen (16) years for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of a new swimming pool.

Project Costs: \$1,950,000      Amount applied to debt: \$1,950,000      Annual Payment: \$185,376

Controlled or Uncontrolled: Uncontrolled

Revenue Source for Property Tax Backup: N/A

Tax Rate Impact:	2006 AV	\$515,091,150
	Levy Needed	\$185,376
	Est. Tax Rate	.0360

## Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing	N/A
Date of public hearing	N/A
Resolution/Ordinance adopted	07/12/2006
Notice of Determination	N/A

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance: 09/05/2006

Common Construction Wage: 09/21/2006 Vote: 3-0-1 abstained

#### Financial History

General Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Budget Estimate	\$21,005,431	\$12,922,001	\$12,434,411	\$13,036,425
Cash Balance June 30	\$3,030,979	\$664,061	\$3,732,472	\$7,589,808
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$5,562,984	\$5,663,236	\$4,583,248	\$3,195,732
Rate	1.0800	1.1420	.9886	0.6668

Missing Information: None

#### Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Tom Guevara (Financial Advisor), Jen Gwin (Financial Advisor), Courtney Schaatsma (Financial Advisor), Tom Nipp (Mayor), Connie Trout (Park Board President), David Copenhaver (City Attorney), Tom Pitman (Bond Counsel with Baker & Daniels), and Greg Smallwood (Project Engineer).

#### Discussion:

Mayor: We are here to discuss a problem with a pool the City build in 1936 via bonds through the WPA program.

Connie: By 2004 the pool was losing 30 to 35 gallons of water per day. The pool has been patched many times. We finally had to close the pool in August of last year because the water temperature fell below 70° and we were required to shut it down. The water temperature will not rise due to the continuous adding of more water. The report from the pool designer said it was one of the worst he has seen. The pool is unsafe and degraded; the pipes are plugged up and the deck is out of compliance with deck safety standards. We are the only community out of the twelve that surrounds us that does not have a pool.

The local paper did an on-line survey to see if people wanted a pool. 480 people responded affirmatively. A two-page survey was mailed by the park board and 1760 responses were received back. Eighty percent wanted a pool, twelve percent was undecided, and eight percent said no, they did not want a City pool. Two local newspapers have printed color photos of the design. There has been a lot of public input to the design. We let people tell us everything they wanted to see in a pool and created an extreme design based on everything everyone wanted. That design would have cost us \$4 million. We then asked people to compartmentalize and prioritize their wants to see what we could afford. This is the design that we present to you today. We feel very strongly that the public is in support of this.

#### Questions by board members:

Dave: What is the population of New Castle?

Mayor: Around 17,000 and we are close to annexing another 1700 homes.

John: You currently have no outstanding debt?

Mayor: No.

Ken: What is the "Other" amount of \$33,498 under costs of construction?

Answer: It is allotted for the cost of issuance – it is funding set aside in case the cost increases from the time of estimation till we actually close on the loan.

Dan: What will happen to the old pool?

Mayor: It will be torn out and the new pool will be built in its place.

Connie: We are going to preserve the historic bath house.

Mayor: We are going to do a lot of the demolition work ourselves. This pool will be smaller than the current one; there will be no deep well for diving, so the volume of water needed will be less, which means that the operation and maintenance costs will be less also.

Recommendation:

Stan motioned to recommend approval to issue park district bonds in the amount of \$1,950,000 for a term of sixteen (16) years. John seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

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**Monroe County Unit, Monroe County  
General Obligation Bonds**

Summary: The unit is requesting approval to issue bonds in the amount of \$1,995,500 for a term of one (1) year for the purpose of financing various capital projects, including construction of erosion control structures and barriers for the parks dept., courthouse dome repairs, purchase of furniture, technology equipment, and vehicles.

Project Costs: \$1,995,500      Amount applied to debt: \$1,995,500      Annual Payment: \$2,091,136

Controlled or Uncontrolled: Uncontrolled

Revenue Source for Property Tax Backup: N/A

Tax Rate Impact:	2006 AV	\$5,233,302,664
	Levy Needed	\$1,897,386
	Est. Tax Rate	.0363

Meeting and Publication Dates:

Date of publication for a public hearing	N/A
Date of public hearing	N/A
Resolution/Ordinance adopted	08/09/2006
Notice of Determination	N/A    08/10 & 23/2006

Auditor's Certificate of No Remonstrance: N/A    09/07/2006

Common Construction Wage: Hearing held    09/05/2006    Vote: 4-0-1 abstained

**Financial History**

General Fund	2006	2005	2004	2003
Budget Estimate	\$24,026,509	\$20,571,424	\$20,353,619	\$20,226,310
Cash Balance June 30	\$8,018,801	\$5,843,622	\$5,151,358	\$6,974,247
Operating Balance	\$	\$	\$	\$
Levy	\$10,660,238	\$9,005,374	\$8,896,231	\$8,042,931
Rate	0.2037	0.1771	0.1846	0.1649

Missing Information: None

#### Attendance

The following people attended the meeting: Iris Kiesling (Commissioner), William K. Stegor (County Attorney), Lucy Emison (Bond Counsel with Ice Miller), and Greg Guerattaz (Financial Advisor).

#### Discussion:

Iris (reading from a prepared statement) discussed the following issues:

- 1/3 (\$660,000) of items are devoted to repair, remodeling or refitting three major County buildings
- 1/3 (740,000) of items is earmarked for new technology demands
- 1/10 (\$200,000) will be spent to enlarge facilities at the primary park in Monroe County
- 6/10 (\$330,000) will be used to purchase vehicles and equipment for the Highway and Weights & Measures departments.

This will allow us to satisfy some out capital needs which cannot be met from other sources. Since we started planning for this in March, the various departments submitted more than \$5 million in requests. We have not been able to include capital items in the budget for many years, and the needs far exceed the money available. We also try to keep a reasonable reserve on hand for emergency expenditures, major construction and unusual opportunities.

This issue was publicly discusses by the Commissioners and Council in numerous meetings, and did not generate any objecting petitions. While we are always reluctant to impose additional burdens upon the taxpayers, we feel that the proposed projects are necessary, and should be accomplished as soon as possible.

#### Questions by board members:

Stan: Is any of this under a Guaranteed Savings Contract?

Iris: No.

Dan: Why are you asking for a one-year term?

Greg: by doing it on a one-year basis, they only incur \$65,000 in interest. It also keeps the tax impact low. It is a very cost-effective way to finance capital projects. It also keeps the term of the bonds to the life expectancy of capital. There is usually very little public opposition.

Ken: Page 7 of the hearing information sheet shows no outstanding debt.

Greg: The last debt was paid off a year or two ago.

#### Recommendation:

John motioned to recommend approval of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$1,995,500 for a term of one (1) year. Ken seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

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